

WHY USE

MARKET RESEARCH?

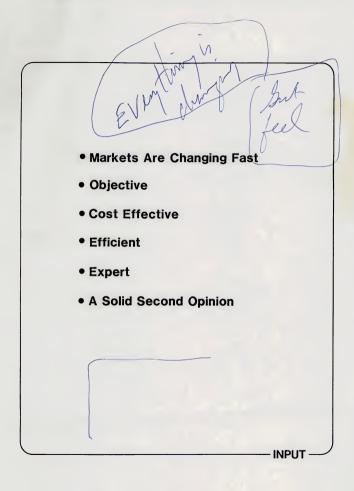


COMPUTERWORLD

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- Changing Technologies Fuel Some, Derail Others
 - The Micro and Timesharing Services
 - Optical Memory and Magnetic Media
 - IBM PC AT and Multi-User Software Market



- User Needs Are Evolving
 - Telecommunications
 - Banking Services
 - FGLs
 - Videotex

- INPUT



- Competitive Environment in a State of Flux
 - Foreign Incursions
 - Recent Business Failures
 - Deregulation

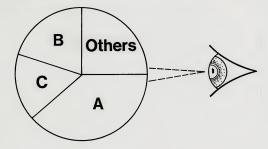


- User Needs Are Evolving
 - Voice
 - Artificial Intelligence
 - Systems Integration

- INPUT



YOUR PERCEPTION OF MARKET





X's PERCEPTION OF MARKET Mine! Other **INPUT**



MARKET INFORMATION SOURCES

INTERNAL

- Employees
- Senior Management, Board Members
- Information Resource Centers



MARKET INFORMATION SOURCES

EXTERNAL

- Newspapers, Magazines, Directories
- Product Brochures and Price Lists
- Specialized Financial Publications
- Trade Associations, Conferences
- Government Sources
- Research Firms
- "Friends" in the Industry





OBJECTIVE

- Market Research Firms:
 - No Stake in the Results Except Their Accuracy
 - Jobs, Careers, Divisions and Organizations Do Not Impact the Actual Research
 - Not Swayed by Office Politics
 - Specific and Reliable Competitive Information



COST EFFECTIVE

- Fixed Contract
- No Add-Ons
- Less than In-House
- Distribute Costs of Research over Large Base
- Greater Results in Less Time
- Pool of Expertise

- INPUT



EFFICIENT

- Professional Interviewers and Analysts
- Sole Purpose Effective Research
- Known and Trusted in Industry Track Record of Sound Research
- Organized to Get Reliable Information Fast
- No Impact on In-House Workload
- Information Delivered in Usable Form



EXPERT

- Bring Broad Perspective to Specific Questions
- Past Research into Present Expertise
- Analysis by Senior Experienced Consultants



EXPERT

- Draw from a Multitude of Research Projects Covering Entire Market
- Hundreds of Person-Years of Executive-Level Experience



LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES FOR MARKET INFORMATION

- Attitude Varies Significantly
 - Skepticism
 - Reluctance
 - Mild Acceptance
 - Enthusiasm



LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES FOR MARKET INFORMATION

- Budget Considerations
 - Treat as Investment
 - Extension of Internal Staff
 - Additional Justification



INPUT ANALYZES

- Vertical Markets
- Cross-Industry Markets

- INPUT -



INPUT FOCUS

- Market Forecasts 5 Years
- User Requirements
- Vendor Market Share
- Vendor Strategies
- Competitive Environment
- Recommendations for Action



INPUT SPECIALTIES

- Software
 - -Systems
 - Applications



INPUT SPECIALTIES

- Processing Services
- Professional Services
- Turnkey Systems
- Acquisitions and Mergers



WE STUDY AND OFFER SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAMS FOR:

- Vendors of Information Services
- Users of Information Systems
- Customer Service Management (including Field Service and TPM)
- U.S. and European Markets



YOU MAY BE IN A "ONE MISTAKE" BUSINESS INPUT -



WE STUDY AND OFFER SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAMS FOR:

- Competition
 - In Depth
 - 4,500 Companies
 - U.S. and European
- Acquisition Analysis

